

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Roger Perry
and the Portland High School football team.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and rare skill, the
outstanding 1995 Portland High School football team climaxed a great season by reaching the
semifinal round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State
Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Portland compiled an unblemished 10-0 regular season record,
impressively beating Clarksville 32-8; White House 28-0; Franklin, Kentucky 24-14; Dekalb
County 49-0; Springfield 35-7; Macon County 36-0; Warren East 39-6; Montgomery Central 63-
14; Westmoreland 24-7; and Greenbrier 33-7; and

WHEREAS, the Purple and White team was the first undefeated and untied regular
season squad in the storied athletic history of the school; and

WHEREAS, they also won the coveted Region 5-AAA championship; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs, the Portland Panthers pounced on Waverly 42-7, Memphis
Raleigh-Egypt 22-0 and Milan 13-0, before a heart-breaking one-point loss to Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, their enviable overall record was 13-1; and

WHEREAS, their powerful offense scored 460 points, an average of 32.86 per game,
while their stingy defense gave up just 91 points, an average of 6.5 per game; and

WHEREAS, the highly-regarded Panther **Head Coach, Roger Perry**, was uniquely recognized by being chosen the Class AAA Coach of the Year and County Co-Coach of the Year. He was aided in his successful efforts by **Assistant Coaches William Barham, Mike Duncan, Chad Perry, Larry Shartzter and Joey Venable**; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were: **Captain Matt Taylor**, Associated Press All-State Offensive Back, Region 5-AAA Most Valuable Player, Region 5-AAA Special Teams Award, Class AAA All-Midstate Player of the Year, All-Midstate Defensive Team, All-County Football Team and Panther Award winner; **Tim Hodges**, Honorable Mention Associated Press All-State, Region 5-AAA Offensive Back of the Year, first team All-Midstate and school Offensive Player of the Year; **Chris Rippy**, Honorable Mention All-State; **Greg Allen**, Region 5-AAA Offensive Lineman of the Year, *Tennessean* second team Offense All-Midstate and All-County; **David Daughtery**, All-Region 5-AAA, Class AAA first team All-Midstate, All-County and school Scholar-Athlete; **Co-Captain Greg Nokes**, All-Region 5-AAA, first team All-Midstate, All-County and school Defensive Lineman of the Year; **Russell McGlothlin**, All-Region 5-AAA, first team All-Midstate, All-County and school Offensive Lineman of the Year; **Brian Martin**, All-Region 5-AAA and All-County; **Andre Jones**, All-Region 5-AAA and first team All-Midstate; **Damon Jackson**, All-Region 5-AAA, first team All-Midstate, All-County and school Defensive Player of the Year; **Tom Latimer**, WSM/Bunny Bread/Baptist Hospital Midstate Player of the Year; **Co-Captain Sam Thornton**, school Kicking Game Award; **Tommy Wright**, school Scout Team Award and **Brian Schmidt**, school Most Improved Award; and

WHEREAS, each of the other players: **Kyle Lane, Trey Perry, Matt York, Matt Curry, Bobby Lynch, Jeremy Adams, Brent Long, Rodney Hester, Brandon West, John McElroy, Louis West, William Lamberth, Jay Meador, Trevor Jackson, Brandon Jones, Michael Creekmore, Shane Yocum, Chris Miller, Jad Durbin, Jeremy Brown, Darrick Graves, Josh Dutcher, Stephen Russell, Jason Moss, Jeremy Lovejoy, Grant Collins, Brandon Gulley,**

Trent Napier, Brad Watkins, Clay Williams, Derek Hodges, Billy Crabtree, Keith Handshoe, Andy Payne, Kevin Butler, Eric Anderson, Skipper Morgan, Lance McDonald, Richard Smith, Brad McFarland, Tim Jernigan, Kelly Holmes, Jonathan Jordan, Bernard Pike, Lee Camplin, Brian Blackburn, Sam Thornton, Shawn Parker, Jason Parks and Matt Clemmons, have contributed significantly to the team effort this season; and

WHEREAS, **Principal Calvin Short, Assistant Principal Janet Grogan and Assistant Principal Fred Lazenby** have been very supportive; and

WHEREAS, the enthusiastic cheerleaders, under the inspirational guidance of **cheerleader sponsor Janet Smith,** have done an excellent job; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were **Will Blocker and Jordon Brooks;** and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is proud of its high school athletic teams which succeed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Roger Perry and the Portland High School football team on an outstanding season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.